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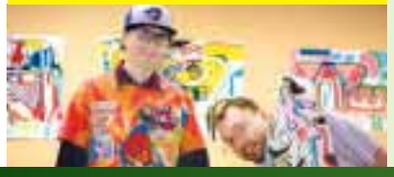

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News worth sharing.

Star. Turn

▶ Actress Jennifer Aniston poses on Wednesday atop her new star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. She is the first Friends cast member to receive the honour.

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'Friend' lands on Walk of Fame

The cost of zero

▶ Dipping into savings key to second consecutive tax freeze ▶ City to have more than $1 million less in savings this year than in December 2010 ▶ Economic development tapped for new revenue

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As things stand right now, London will end the year with about $204.4 million in various savings accounts.

That's about $3.5 million less than what administrators had planned on, and it's at the heart of a debate that left city council with a split budget vote of 9-6 early Wednesday.

In one camp are politicians such as Mayor Joe Fontana, who backed drawing from and pumping less money into "rainy-day funds" to deliver a tax freeze. On the other side are councillors who see using reserve funds as robbing Peter to pay Paul.

"I think it's very unwise fiscal policy. I think it absolutely will burden the next council," Coun. Nancy Branscombe, one of the most outspoken critics, said during the final budget debate. "There is a way to get to zero. This is not the way."

Councillors spent months trimming millions from the initial budget proposal, with much of that money coming through cost-saving measures found within city departments and about $2.1 million in cuts approved behind closed doors. The only cut to direct services was a $75,000 reduction in horticulture maintenance.

"Raiding the reserves," as some have called it, kicked into high gear after it became apparent those cuts wouldn't be enough to give property owners a break. In the end, councillors approved dipping into five specific funds and setting aside about $1.3 million less — money that would have been spread over all accounts.

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▶ Branscombe

Some councillors argue the real blow to reserves is about $8.2 million — more than the $3.5 million in cuts administrators pitched as a final alternative. That's because the original budget, tabled in December with a 2.3 per cent tax increase, already included pulling $4.7 million from savings.

Tapping so deeply into city coffers is no doubt "risky," said Ian Collins, the city's manager of financial planning and policy. But there's risk associated with most of the "tough decisions" made in council chambers, he said.

With all the budget votes taken, about $31 million in new money is going into savings this year. About $74.4 million is expected to be pulled out of various funds to cover expenses.

Reserve-fund dips

Here's what council approved regarding reserve funds in the 2012 budget.

- **Vehicle and equipment replacement:** Contributing $3.6 million instead of $4.1 million.
- **Energy-efficiency initiatives:** Contributing nothing; planned contribution was $100,000.
- **Parking:** Withdrawing $150,000.
- **Affordable housing:** Contributing $1 million instead of $2 million.
- **Making buildings handicapped-accessible:** Contributing $500,000 instead of $1 million.
- **Spread over all savings accounts:** Reducing allocation by $1.3 million.

1 news

A student group gives a failing grade to a report before the province calling for colleges and universities to move a third of their courses online. Scan code for story.

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World economies are awash in stimulus funding, which is good news for the markets. Allan Small has more at metronews.ca/investing

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Country icon to receive achievement award

Canadian country-music singer Tommy Hunter will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Jack Richardson Music Awards on April 15.

London-born Hunter is renowned for his long-running CBC television program The Tommy Hunter Show. Hunter will be retiring after a final tour that will see his last stop at the RBC Theatre at the John Labatt Centre on March 20.

Also, Gerald and Marlene Fagan of the Gerald Fagan Singers and the Concert Players Orchestra will receive the Dennis Brown Lifetime Achievement Award.

This year's awards will be co-hosted by singer/songwriter Gary (GMAQ) McCauley and Savanah Sewell, a founding member of the 379 Collective and marketing co-ordinator at the JLC.

The gala will be at The Music Hall (185 Queens Ave). METRO

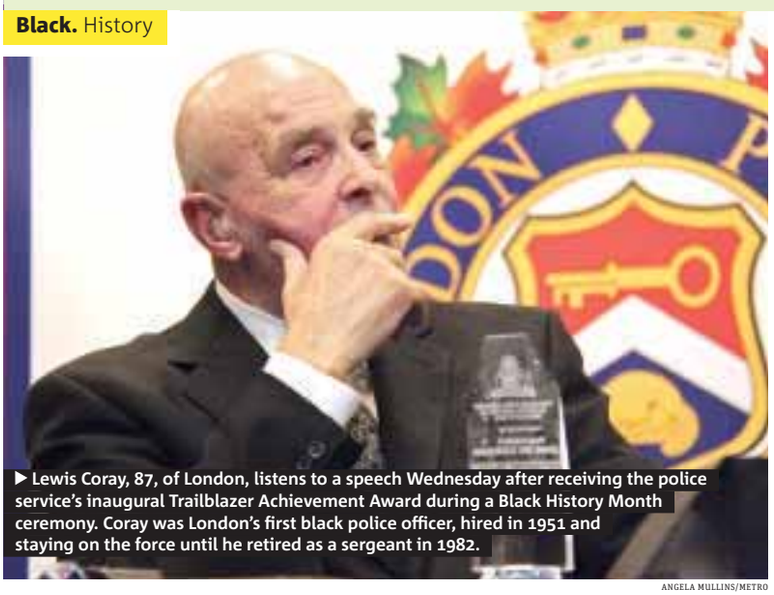
Charges in soldiers' graves thefts

Niagara region police have arrested two men in St. Catharines after special markers and flags were taken from the graves of fallen soldiers.

Police say several Maple Leaf markers and Canadian flags were taken from Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Dave Jewers, 41, and Chris Brisley, 36, have been charged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Black. History



▶ Lewis Coray, 87, of London, listens to a speech Wednesday after receiving the police service's inaugural Trailblazer Achievement Award during a Black History Month ceremony. Coray was London's first black police officer, hired in 1951 and staying on the force until he retired as a sergeant in 1982.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Award launched to honour trailblazers

The Trailblazer Achievement Award, created in Coray's honour, will be given out annually to black high-school students who demonstrate a commitment to excellence. The police service has joined forces with the Congress of Black Women to administer the program.

Londoners make showing at horse-racing rally

Enthusiasts sound alarm bells at mention of reviewing financing agreement ◐ Western Fair District among racetracks that could be hurt

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The London area was well represented Wednesday when an estimated 500 people took to the steps of Queen's Park, rallying against changes they say would kill the horse-racing industry.

The London district is the Ontario Harness Horse Association's largest and has thousands of jobs tied to the sport, said Brian Tropea, association general manager.

Everyone from veterinarians to farmers will be hurt if a deal that gives the racing industry a share of racetrack slot revenues is scrapped, Tropea said. The governing Liberals have signalled that might happen as they plod toward reducing the deficit.

"I think they see it as low-hanging fruit," Tropea said about the millions the industry receives each year.

Controversy kicked up Feb. 13 when, during a speech at the Economic Club of Canada in Toronto, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said the deal should be reviewed. Things intensified two days later when a review was mentioned in economist Don Drummond's deficit-cutting recommendations.

Under the existing formula, the government gets 80 per cent of slot revenue from racetracks, with the remainder — about $345 million — divided equally between racing purses and cash for track operators such as Western Fair District.

While the Liberals haven't said exactly what kind of changes they'd like to see, Tropea worries they're after an all-or-nothing deal.

$1.7B Amount of money taken in each year by Ontario slots, according to the province.

That would have serious implications at the fair district, which grosses about $10 million a year from the arrangement, chief executive officer Hugh Mitchell said. The money, he said, helps offset the cost of operating a track.

"It would change our entire business model."

4 new ER doctors for London

London's ER departments are about to receive a shot in the arm.

The London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care have hired four new emergency-room doctors. They will join five other emergency-room doctors who have already been hired. All are expected to be working this summer.

The new hires mean ERs and the urgent care centre will be nearly fully staffed for the first time in years. It could also mean the hospitals will be able to stop paying a premium to bring outside doctors to the city just to cover weekend shifts. AM980/AM980.CA

9 Number of new ER doctors expected to be working in London this summer.

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▶ The new hires should be working by summer.

News in brief

Go Blue! Go Bald! Friday

BENEFIT. Make-A-Wish supporters have been raising pledges, colouring their hair blue and will be shaving their head as part of the Go Blue! Go Bald! head-shave event on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Westmount Shopping Centre.

To register or to sponsor a participant, go to makeawish.ca. METRO

Neighbourhood up for award

WOODFIELD. Think London's Woodfield neighbourhood is great? Now's your chance to prove it. The neighbourhood has been nominated for a Great Places in Canada award. Votes will be accepted online through Feb. 29. METRO

Sacrifices power Lightning to top

London has 3 regular-season games left this season

You want to shoot, but we need D. You want to start, but it's better you come off the bench.

These are just two examples of the sacrifices players have made to guarantee the London Lightning first place in the inaugural National Basketball League of Canada season, according to their coach.

"Eddie Smith — he comes off the bench when he knows that anywhere else in this league he could play. He can start," said London coach Michael Ray Richardson. "He's made a sacrifice where he's accepted his role to come off the bench.

"Brandon Dean, who's a shooting guard, who has sacrificed his game where he has become our defensive stopper. He is a great offensive guy."

MIKE ARSENAULT/METRO FILE

▶ Michael Ray Richardson

So how to you get players to accept new roles so unselfishly? There's a preaching-to-the-choir effect here, as Richardson has coached Smith, Dean, potential MVP Gabe Freeman and others in the past.

"When you get to a certain level of coaching professionals, it's not about X's and O's," said Richardson. "It's about getting guys to believe in you and want to do what you are trying to do."

Testify: The Lightning have won almost 79 per cent of their games, never losing two in a row all season. They're first in scoring margin and turnover margin, and Freeman is tops in three individual rebounding categories. Dean leads the NBL in assist-turnover ratio.

That adds up to first place, home-court advantage in the playoffs and ...

"Our next goal is to win the championship," said Richardson. "It has to come through London, Ont."

JIM REYNO

Dawg. House

▶ Shawn Donaldson crunches down on rawhide Tuesday as he sits in the doorway of his "dawg house" on the roof of Rocky's Harley-Davidson (900 Wilton Grove Rd.).

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Harley worker ruffs it for Humane Society

Donaldson, a store employee with four rescued animals at home, took to the roof at noon Sunday to generate donations for the London Humane Society. A similar effort in 2010 brought in about $10,000 and supplies to help the shelter. Donaldson plans to stay on the roof through Saturday. Donations can be made at Rocky's, and you can keep tabs on Donaldson via Rocky's Harley-Davidson's Facebook page.

Ornge choppers grounded: Tories

Ontario's troubled air ambulance service faced at least 13 disruptions over the last three weeks that may have jeopardized patient safety, the Opposition charged Wednesday. Ornge helicopters in London and Sudbury were grounded for days because there were no pilots, said Tory Frank Klees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FRINGE BENEFITS IN GATSBY

LONDON STYLE

SARAH FRANCIS
METRO LONDON

I often wonder what life would have been like in a different era. Though I'll never take indoor plumbing, modern medicine or online shopping for granted, I look back at the roaring '20s with some wistfulness. I imagine my newly emancipated friends and I strolling down to our speakeasy for a good gin fizz. We'd do the Charleston and gossip about floozy flappers and how good it feels to go corset-free. Mostly, though, I imagine the clothes.

Costume designer Bill Layton invited me to The Grand Theatre to check out the world of The Great Gatsby, in all of its glamorous glory. For Layton, a nostalgic trip through the rarefied lives of Gatsby & Co. meant nearly a year of research to get it just right. "I read the novel, of course, and then looked to old-fashioned illustrations and photographs for inspiration to explore fabrics and hemlengths and styles."

CLAUS ANDERSEN/FOR METRO

▶ From left, Christine Horne as Daisy Buchanan, Greg Gale as Nick Carraway, Jeffrey Wetsch as Tom Buchanan and Haley McGee as Jordan Baker in The Great Gatsby.

He shows me images of the short hair and boyish, shapeless shifts adorned with beading, feathers and fringe favoured by women of the era. "You have to think that they had just come out of World War I — it was a horrible upheaval of society, and suddenly the fashions were very liberating for women."

As we pore over his exquisite sketches, Layton's research has clearly paid off. The characters jump off the pages — Daisy in her intricately beaded frocks, Gatsby in his pastel suits, with a dizzying number of costume changes required to guide the audience through a steamy Long Island summer.

For a period story, Layton knows costumes are paramount. "Once they put on their costumes, the actors move differently, they talk differently. The clothes help them step back in time."

With countless designers from Gucci to Marc Jacobs showing '20s-inspired styles for spring and The Great Gatsby set to hit the big screen, it looks like everyone's feeling a certain nostalgia for the era. I, for one, am loving all this jazz.

The Great Gatsby runs until March 3 at The Grand Theatre.

Sarah Francis is the style maven behind reallifeunway.com. She also reports on the latest trends for White Oaks Mall, iVillage.ca and CityLine.

CHILD MOLESTER

Nabbed ... after decade on the lam

THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Steven Dyer

A convicted child molester who has been on the run from U.S. authorities for a decade has been captured in Canada.

Steven Dyer is wanted in Arizona after failing to show up for a court appearance.

He was convicted in 2002 on 13 counts of child molestation and faces a minimum term of 169 years behind bars.

Border agents nabbed him at Montreal's Trudeau airport as he returned from Venezuela on Tuesday. He was living in Vancouver.

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Niagara Falls icon sailing into mist

One of the largest tourist draws in Niagara Falls may not be open this year.

After 165 years, the Maid of the Mist Steamboat Co. has lost the contract to operate boats there.

The Niagara Parks Commission said Wednesday it has awarded a 30-year deal to Hornblower Canada, a California-based company.

But the Hornblower service isn't set to begin until spring 2014 and the Maid of the Mist company isn't sure it can stay in business for this summer's tourist season.

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'I am deeply sorry,' says ex-coach James

Sex abuser apologizes to shaken world of hockey

JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Former hockey player Todd Holt walks out of a Winnipeg court with supporters on Wednesday.

"I apologize."

One of Canada's most reviled sex offenders stood in court Wednesday and expressed his deep remorse for sexual abuse that shattered the hockey world.

"I stand before you with regret," former junior hockey coach Graham James said at his sentencing hearing in Winnipeg.

"I apologize to the Canadian hockey public.

"I apologize to the institution of hockey … to the many good people who work only for the betterment of the sport."

James apologized to the players he coached and their families, saying: "I abused the trust you put in me."

But he saved the most direct apology for last.

"Finally, and most importantly, I apologize to Theoren Fleury and to Todd Holt, against whom I have offended.

"I wanted the best for you but I did not give you my best," he said.

"My actions forfeited our friendship."

James, 59, pleaded guilty in December to sexually abusing Fleury and Holt when they played for him in the 1980s and 1990s.

The sentencing decision was reserved.

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▶ Firemen rescue wounded passengers from a commuter train after a collision in Buenos Aires on Wednesday.

49 KILLED IN RUSH-HOUR ARGENTINA TRAIN ACCIDENT

The first two cars were packed as usual for the morning rush, so tightly that people stood sandwiched between bicycles and the few seats.

This train didn't lurch, though. It had trouble stopping at all, overshooting platform after platform and missing at least one station entirely.

The train didn't come to a halt until it had slammed into a metal barrier at Buenos Aires' Once station. With more than 1,200 people on board, the momentum was devastating. Forty-nine people were killed and 600 were injured.

Windows exploded and the first cars were a jumble of glass, metal, plastic and bodies.

The cause wasn't immediately determined, but many pointed to a deteriorating rail system and train cars that lack modern equipment and safety measures. Passengers said the conductor appeared to be struggling with the brakes. The dead included 48 adults and one child — most of whom had crowded into the first two cars. The injured included 461 who were hospitalized, Transportation Secretary J.P. Schiavi said.

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Eight bodies found on deck of Costa Concordia

Divers searching the capsized Costa Concordia cruise ship off a Tuscan island found eight bodies Wednesday on one of the passenger decks, including that of a missing 5-year-old Italian girl, authorities said.

Italy's national civil protection agency, which is monitoring the operation, said three of the bodies were recovered a few hours after being spotted by fire department divers. It said they are those of a woman, a girl and a man. Because of worsening weather, the divers were not able to immediately remove the other five bodies.

The bodies were being transferred to a hospital on the mainland for identification, a process which could take days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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is the death toll on the capsized Costa Concordia, including bodies recovered and the missing, who are presumed dead.

Canadians expect to work past age 66: Poll

Nearly half of respondents to Sun Life survey said they are worried about having debt in retirement

As Canadians live longer and face tougher financial choices in their golden years, fewer than a third of respondents in a recent survey said they plan to be fully retired by 66.

Sun Life Financial's annual Unretirement Index poll, released early Wednesday, found that only about three in 10 Canadians surveyed said they plan full retirement at that age.

And the average expected age of retirement now hovers at 68 — up from 66 just last year.

"That's a fairly short space of time for an attitude change of that degree," said Kevin Dougherty, president of Sun Life Financial Canada.

The poll results from Canada's third-biggest insurance company reflect what other public opinion surveys have shown for a while — that the concept of Freedom 55 is a thing of the past.

"These results are not surprising given the current economic volatility, increasing consumer debt loads, rising health-care costs, longer life expectancy and lack of planning. We're also finding that some Canadians believe they'll have to work longer to be able to pay for basic living expenses," said Dougherty.

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Twitter. Talk

▶ Twitter co-founder Biz Stone speaks to the Board of Trade in Montreal on Wednesday.

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Tear yourself away from tweets: Stone

Twitter co-founder Christopher Isaac "Biz" Stone has a message for those followers who stare at their tweet feeds for hours on end: it's not healthy. He told a Montreal business audience even he is amazed by the influence of Twitter, which the founders initially thought would just be used for fun.

Parka maker sues for logo infringment

A well-known outerwear manufacturer is suing a retailer over trademark infringement, accusing it of making shoddy replicas of the distinctive Canada Goose parkas.

It's alleged in the lawsuit that International Clothiers Inc. has intentionally designed a logo to mimic the Canada Goose Arctic Program design trademark.

Canada Goose Inc. filed a statement of claim late last month asking the Federal Court to stop International Clothiers from using its Canada Weather Gear and Super Triple Goose logos, "or any confusingly similar mark." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Microsoft files complaint against Motorola

Microsoft lodged a formal complaint on Wednesday with the European Union's competition regulator against Motorola Mobility and its soon-to-be owner Google, saying Motorola's aggressive enforcement of patent rights against rivals breaks competition rules.

Motorola is in the process of being taken over by Google for $12.5 billion US, the biggest acquisition in the Californian company's history.

Microsoft fears that Google will continue Motorola's tight hold on key patents.

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Tony Blair's wife sues over phone hacking

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▶ Cherie Blair

The wife of former British prime minister Tony Blair is suing Rupert Murdoch's British newspaper company over phone hacking, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Cherie Blair is suing "in relation to the unlawful interception of her voicemails," lawyer Graham Atkins said in an email, making her one of the most high-profile people to have challenged Murdoch's News International over the illegal eavesdropping campaign waged against those in the public eye.

There had been earlier speculation about the possibility that Cherie Blair's phone had been hacked. Tony Blair's former spokesman, Alastair Campbell, has long wondered aloud about how the 1999 story of her pregnancy was obtained by the Daily Mirror.

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Greek recovery doubts remain after bailout

Greece on Wednesday insisted a new 130-billion-euro bailout deal will "bind" it to the euro, but again lowered expectations of recovery as it faced skeptical world markets, continued protests and another downgrade of its debt deeper into junk status.

As the government scrambled to push new austerity measures, Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos said the new rescue package approved by eurozone countries would shield Greece from default.

"The agreement is of historic importance, because it binds Greece to the euro," Venizelos told private Mega television.

"It was not only the approval of the 130 billion euros in additional support for Greece. But this also comes with a European commitment ... of support for as long as is necessary for Greece to return to the markets."

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▶ A homeless man begs for money in Athens on Wednesday.

Earlier, around 6,000 protesters chanting "EU out, IMF out!" marched through central Athens in a peaceful rally against the new austerity measures.

Eurozone countries on Tuesday approved the new bailout deal, as well as a 107 billion euro debt write-down by banks and other private holders of Greek bonds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Troubles persist

- **Following the bailout,** Greece's credit rating sank further into junk status — one notch above default.
- **World markets** appeared nervous at the prospects of forcing through new austerity measures in a country stuck in recession for a fifth year and with unemployment topping 20 per cent.

BRACE YOURSELF TWITTERSPHERE, THERE'S A NEW TWIT IN TOWN

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

As someone who considers himself on the cutting edge of technology, I recently began using a website known as Twitter. Have you heard of it?

I've spent my entire life missing out completely on trends — MySpace, The Thong Song, OxyContin — so my late arrival to the still-flourishing site has been a real revelation (the good kind, not the end-times, Santorum kind).

Well, my stars. Twitter is like a million sites combined!

It's a sports site that lets me learn about false hockey trades from teenagers who have no higher goal in life than to pose as Bob McKenzie.

It's a journalism site that allows me to read a breaking news headline 87 times in rapid succession.

"I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and, here's the exciting part, 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult entertainment business."

It's an entertainment site that has me waiting on pins and needles for that Charlie Sheen pocket tweet which will let me know once and for all that he has collapsed and died.

And it's a community.

The site is positively packed with tweeters who will take the time out of their busy day to insult strangers they disagree with when they could have simply moved on. It's rare to see people go the extra mile like that.

I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and — here's the exciting part — 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult-entertainment business. As soon as I joined, I was swarmed with new friends with names like Sexy McXXX and Sarah TryMyWebsite!, which I assume is Polish.

With its intrinsic goal of adding as many followers as possible, Twitter is a bit of a drug. The notifications button on Facebook is only a mild buzz compared to the straight-heroin injection of getting new Twitter followers.

I never dream about work, but the first day I started using Twitter I dreamt about it. Specifically, I dreamt I was super-excited because Lenny from The Simpsons followed me.

Here's the honest truth: I find the site oddly intimidating. Because, unlike Facebook, which pushes everyone toward a sort of echo-chamber conformity, Twitter is really whatever you make it.

It can be a huge knowledge resource, an insight into the famous and powerful, and a promotional tool. Or it can be a site that you use for cheap factoids, a reality-TV buzz and to avoid working.

So will I be a Twitterati or just a Twit? I'll be following myself with interest.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Panel

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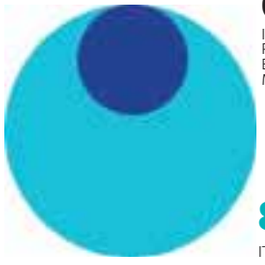
What do you think of the government's new online-surveillance legislation?



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84% IT'S INVASIVE

Local tweets

- **@LuisLeal1982:** Looking for workout logging apps I decided on MyWorkout. Deciding factor is that it's developed by a guy in #LDNont
- **@jo_mAmA:** Thanks to ALL Councillors for the many hours spent last night on the budget. Heartfelt thanks to those who tried to stop the cuts. #ldnont
- **@bjingle:** any family law legal assistants in #LdnOnt w/o the cert willing to chat w/me about the profession over a coffee? please reply or dm :)
- **@KatieWilhelm:** Head over to @theartsproject between now and Macrh 3rd for Bijans gallery showing. Love the work of Amy Boivin. #ldnont
- **@VortexVisual:** Lost a couple of followers because of my political tweets...sorry guys (not really). I care about this city and those who live here! #ldnont
- **@dmrodrigues89:** Typically I pre-drink the pre-drink #westernu
- **@steph_ad:** pages read so far during #uwo reading week: 0. #lookspromising
- **@Dan_ONeail:** Just dropped my coffee by accident if I do that twice more this year I will blow all my tax savings from the poor in #ldnont

Daily Zoom

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Kevin Costner come to mind?

Not only seen in the movies

For a while, they called it "Kevin" after actor Kevin Costner, who starred in the 1995 flick Waterworld.

The name didn't stick, even in the mind of Zachory Berta, the Harvard University grad student who discovered the planet. "Planet Kevin" is called GJ1214b. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"GJ1214b is like no planet we know of. A huge fraction of its mass is made up of water."
ZACHORY BERTA

GJ1214b facts

- **Planet of hot, hot water.** It orbits a red-dwarf star at a distance of just two million kilometres, meaning temperatures on the planet are above 200 C.
- **'Super Earth.'** It's about 2.7 times the Earth's diameter and almost seven times its weight.

Experts discover 'water world'

SPACE. For years, water worlds have been the stuff of space sci-fi; now they're reality. Experts have revealed that the planet GJ1214b is a new classification of celestial body: a mix of water and high temperatures that could help host alien life. Other planetary types are: rocky (Earth), gas (Jupiter) and ice (Uranus). MWN

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GJ1214b is 40 light years from Earth. It's believed GJ1214b formed farther out from its star, where water ice was plentiful, and migrated inward early in the system's history, thus passing through the star's "habitable zone."

Telescope helps clear the haze

DISCOVERY. Analysis of the watery planet in 2010 suggested that it was simply covered by a "haze," similar to that surrounding Saturn's moon Titan. But the latest results from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope show that it more likely has a thick atmosphere of water vapour. This "super-Earth" was first discovered in 2009. MWN

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Art taking over the library

The Landon Library takes the foreground in latest series of London art exhibitions

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You wouldn't expect to find a book doodled on and signed by world-renowned art legend Andy Warhol at a local library, but the Landon Public Library in Wortley Village is one of a kind.

The library is home to the HUGH Display Case, a series of cases featuring art and ephemera. Internationally known artist Jason Mclean curates the display, using items from his own private collection.

"This display adds another venue and outlet for people to get together and celebrate the arts in London," says Mclean.

"I hope it becomes part of a growing trend of new venues opening up and also creating outside interest in our art community."

The HUGH Display Case derives its name from the late Hugh McIntyre, a librarian with a large presence who worked at the Landon Library when Mclean was a boy. McIntyre also played in the Nihilist Spasm Band, a London-based noise band.

"I hope it becomes part of a growing trend of new venues opening up and also creating outside interest in our art community."
JASON MCLEAN

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▶ Local artist Cailen Dye, right, has some works at the Jason Mclean-curated HUGH Display Case at Landon Library in Wortley Village.

The current display features issues of 20 Cents Magazine, an important arts publication in London during the '60s, and signed works by Canadian poet bpNichol.

"I want to show a bit of our city's history through the display, and let people know about some important figures they might not be familiar with," says Mclean.

The last display featured items autographed by the famous musician and artist Daniel Johnston, as well as works by local artists Peter Thompson, Marc Bell, James Kirkpatrick and Bill Young.

Mclean's displays mix pop culture with obscure artists and high art, as well as sports figures. This helps to draw a wider, more diverse audience and it also plays with the idea of what constitutes art, or good art.

"A lot of local artists here are just as influential on me as these really well-known figures. I think of a lot of them on a similar level," says Mclean.

On the lower level of the library, another exhibition called Artifax is taking place. Local artist Cailen Dye's brightly coloured abstract works line the walls.

Dye encourages creativity through his art, something that wasn't always encouraged in him as a child. His artistic process uses a go-with-the-flow approach.

"I start by drawing something and then reacting to that. It's like building a house of cards, where you place pieces upon pieces," says Dye.

Using a library community space to show art has its advantages, says Dye.

"More people come through here. Some of them would never go into an art gallery, and some might not even know they like art," he says.

Mclean says bringing art into public spaces is a way to make art more accessible for everyone to enjoy—including children.

The current HUGH Display Case exhibition will continue through April and Artifax will remain up until Saturday.

Jill Hennessy pulling for Plummer

The Canadian Press has been asking entertainment personalities to share their thoughts on Sunday's Academy Awards. Today, Canadian actress Jill Hennessy talks about her favourite film of the year and the fellow Canuck she's rooting for.

"I loved The Descendants, I think Alexander Payne is just a brilliant writer/director and that film is just so easy to relate to," says Hennessy. "Everybody is so good but ... the boyfriend (Nick Krause) who I didn't hear much about in the press, was unbelievable. What a subtle, beautiful performance."

"I've only seen scenes from that film but he's glorious and in a way I've never seen him." **JILL HENNESSY**

She's hoping to see Canadian thespian Christopher Plummer win the best supporting actor Oscar for his role in Beginners. Plummer plays a dying widower who reveals to his son (Ewan McGregor) that he's gay.

"He deserves it. I've only seen scenes from that film but he's glorious and in a way I've never seen him," Hennessy says.

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GETTY IMAGES

▶ Jill Hennessy

▶ Christopher Plummer

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Justin Bieber

He's only 17, but pop sensation Justin Bieber is back with his second book. HarperCollins announced Tuesday that it will publish Justin Bieber: Just Getting Started. The book is described as "the second official photographic book" from the multiplatinum-selling superstar. The company says it will be released worldwide in September.

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Adele caps a momentous year, Ed Sheeran breaks out at UK music's Brit Awards

Lindsay Lohan

Lohan's career back on track?

It's been a good week for Lindsay Lohan, career-wise.

First, it was announced she'll be hosting Saturday Night Live again on March 3, and now sources say that the troubled actress has been confirmed to play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime television movie about the screen icon, according to Hollyscoop.

The film, Liz and Dick, will focus on Taylor's relationship with Richard Burton.

A source says that as long as Lindsay stays out of trouble and fulfills all the obligations of her probation, the job is hers.

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His lips are sealed

Adam Levine refuses to dish dirt on Aguilera

THE WORD

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In an interview on The Howard Stern Show on Tuesday, The Voice coach Adam Levine proved himself to be smart about a few topics.

Stern tried to get Levine to gossip about fellow mentor/judge Christina Aguilera's recent weight gain.

"Why do you think she's gotten so heavy? Is she upset?" Stern prodded.

"She used to be so (expletive) hot ... And her clothes are too tight, right?" the shock jock continued.

"When you're a plus-size woman, you can't wear the tight clothes anymore."

Levine responded diplomatically, stating: "I wouldn't go that far, actually."

And when Stern pushed the point, asking what size Aguilera is, the musician-turned-reality star wisely shut Stern down: "I'm keeping my (expletive) mouth shut."

Smart of him, right? Then the topic veered to Levine's Russian model girlfriend, Anne V.

"This is the longest, most functional relationship I've ever been in, I don't want to screw it up," he said.

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▶ Adam Levine with girlfriend Anne V.

Update on Houston's drug intake

A new report looks to confirm that Whitney Houston's death earlier this month was caused by a mixture of alcohol and prescription drugs, according to Radar Online.

"Whitney had taken Valium, Xanax and alcohol, which led to her death. The coroner is waiting on final toxicology results to determine which one of the three was the major contributing factor of her demise," a source says.

"The coroner will be closely examining Whitney's blood alcohol content at the time she died as well. The sedatives and alcohol will almost certainly be the cause of death, and not drowning. Her heart stopped beating because her respiratory system was suppressed because of the anti-anxiety meds, and combined with the booze it probably happened very quickly before she was found partially submerged in the bathtub."

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▶ Whitney Houston

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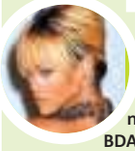
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I will appoint a native american as head of the dept. of Immigration.

Barrymore pregnant?

Drew Barrymore was spotted leaving a Beverly Hills doctor's office with fiancé Will Kopelman by her side and a sonogram printout in her hand, according to TMZ.

So does this mean that the actress is expecting? Her rep had gave a firm "No comment" in response.

But it could explain why Barrymore isn't farther along in her wedding planning. At a recent event — to which she showed up in fairly loose-fitting clothing — Barrymore admitted she hadn't even started shopping for a wedding dress. "Oh, gosh, I don't know," she said.

"I've been trying to figure it out! All I know is that I want something tasteful, something timeless."

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▶ Drew Barrymore

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How Christopher Kane, McQ and Acne sold us on fall's most ubiquitous colour

Burgundy is anything but bland

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As far as colours go, burgundy is a pretty lackluster follow-up to all the pops of yellow we saw for spring.

That age-old mix of red and brown brings to mind '80s corduroy, Avon lipstick and micro-suede couches sold at a deep discount in suburban furniture warehouses. Hardly something women would clamour to wear.

Simply put, the maroon parade that marched its way through New York was kind of a let down.

Then the London shows came along and things started to change.

In Christopher Kane's hands, the shade became sexually charged, Gothic and a little dangerous on his leather-trimmed dresses, padded coats and cigarette trousers.

Kane used a shade that more so resembled freshly drawn blood than living room curtains with a techie, moiré fabric that changed tones as the models moved. And that's exactly what made it so memorable.

The costume designers for True Blood should take note. Vampire Pam's closet could use an update.

Acne, meanwhile, gave burgundy a futuristic sheen in glossy leather pieces such as sleek trousers, a belted sculptural coat and full skirt.

They looked subversive and directional — and yet timeless. You could wear these without looking like you've succumbed to the trend of the season and pull them out a few years later and still look modern.

Most memorable, though, were Sarah Burton's sublime plays on texture at McQ.

Burgundy looks best when done in rich, plush, touchable things and Burton exploited this to maximum effect. Take her V-neck dress made out of shaved mink on top and embroidered velvet on the bottom, accessorized with leather elbow-length gloves. It looked glamourous without reading old; it was romantic while still maintaining an edge — a world away from the suburban living room.

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▶ McQ

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▶ Christopher Kane

What's trending

Military-inspired outerwear is hot for fall.

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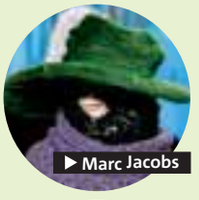
Hats and headdresses have popped up on New York and London's runways. We look at some of the wildest.



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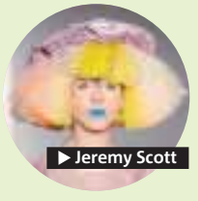

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A world of wainscotting awaits you

Even a new home needs some old-fashioned charm **Lovely wood panelling adds interest and style**

DIY IDEAS

Wainscotting is the perfect winter DIY project and not only because the panels were historically used to insulate rooms from the cold — the ornate panelling adds a decorative element to any room of the house.

Here's some wainscotting tips from Renovation Realities, which airs on DIY Network Canada week nights at 7:30 p.m. ET/PT.

The show gives renovation inspiration — from simple upkeep to major overhauls.

Prepare

Wainscotting refers to a wall panelling style applied to the lower three to five feet of an interior wall.

This decorative look can be achieved with hardwood plywood, vertical stiles and a horizontal rail, all of which can be found at home centres.

Cove moulding is a concave-profile moulding and can be used to add a more detailed look to the top rail and vertical stiles.

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Another less expensive option is beadboard, which already includes delicate, vertical grooves — "beads" — milled into the wood.

Beadboard can be used as stand-alone wall panelling or be surrounded by stiles and a rail as part of the wainscotting installation.

Plan your layout

If you plan on painting the panels, prime the plywood before installation.

Remove existing baseboards and electrical outlet covers from the wall. Use an electronic stud finder to locate and mark the position of any wall studs.

Measure the desired height of the wainscot and use a laser level to extend this line across the walls; lightly mark as it will become the top of the panelling and upper rail.

A few installation tips

Starting from a corner, begin installing the plywood sheets along the wall, measuring the last section to fit against the adjacent corner.

Secure the sheets by nailing them to the wall studs. Install the horizontal top rail directly atop the plywood sheets by nailing through the plywood and into the wall studs. Next, install the vertical stiles, equally spaced, again beginning from the corner.

Finally, re-attach the baseboard and electrical outlet covers. Apply cove moulding if desired.

Finishing touches

Sand the wood surfaces and fill any holes with wood putty. You can apply a wood stain or paint the panelling to finish the look. Enjoy the old-world charm of your brand new wainscoting!

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An hors d'oeuvre you can't refuse

Years after winning big at the Academy Awards, The Godfather still fascinates viewers
Even Don Vito Corleone wouldn't be able to resist this snack

The Godfather

The Godfather is a sweeping saga of crime, punishment and the complexity of family ties. But it has its foodie side, too.

There's the ominous orange — you can expect trouble when one of these appears in the movie. There's the scene where Clemenza teaches Michael Corleone how to make gravy (spaghetti sauce) because "you never know, you might have to cook for 20 guys someday." And was there ever sager culinary counsel than this? "Leave the gun; take the cannoli."

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▶ This recipe makes 24 meatballs.

Angry Meatballs

Preparation:

1. In medium bowl, combine loose spicy Italian sausage with lean ground beef. Form into 2.5-cm (1-inch) balls.
2. In skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add 4 cloves thinly sliced garlic and sauté for 3 minutes.
3. Add meatballs and cook until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer meatballs to a plate.
4. Add crushed red pepper flakes, halved grape tomatoes and torn fresh basil leaves to pan. Sauté for 1 minute, then season with salt and pepper. Spoon over meatballs.

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Ingredients:

- 250 g (1/2 lb) of loose spicy Italian sausage
- 250 g (1/2 lb)lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) crushed red pepper flakes
- 500 ml (2 cups) halved grape tomatoes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) torn fresh basil

Corleone Cocktail

Here's a cocktail featuring Italian liqeur with a touch of orange to keep things interesting.

Preparation:

1. In a double old-fashioned glass, stir together Campari, Amaretto, bitters and Scotch. Garnish with an orange twist.

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Campari
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Amaretto liqueur
- Dash of bitters
- 45 ml (1 1/2 oz) Scotch whisky
- Orange twist

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No stranger to soaring

High-flying Toronto Raptor DeMar DeRozan has been dunking since Grade 6

DeMar DeRozan was a sixth grader when he soared through the air for his first slam dunk.

It was a moment of athletic brilliance that earned him bragging rights with his friends and set the stage for a life lived above the rim.

"It was at recess, just playing around, trying to show off that I could dunk, and I could pull it off," DeRozan said after a practice this week. "It was a little bet. You know when you're young everybody's trying to dunk, and I said I could dunk.

"And I got it in, finger tips. ... that was the first time."

Fast forward 10 years, and the 22-year-old Toronto shooting guard is one of the most explosive dunkers in the league.

The Raptors high flyer turned plenty of heads in the NBA's slam dunk contest the past two years, but won't be part of this weekend's annual all-star festivities in Orlando.

Fans cried robbery last year when DeRozan failed to make the final after throwing down what many thought was the dunk of the night — a ridiculous alley-oop reverse windmill that he called "The Showstopper."

The six-foot-seven Raptor was the only dunker who didn't use gimmicky props — Blake Griffin rolled out a Kia car and a choir, Serge Ibaka had cheerleaders, JaVale McGee brought in an additional hoop.

"Dunk contests are dunk contests, you just go out there and do dunks. Every time I was in the dunk contest it was just strictly dunks," said DeRozan, who won the dunk contest at the McDonald's All-American high school game in 2008.

"I think people want to add more excitement to it because they feel they've seen all the dunks. So sometimes you have to add a theme or props or whatnot. It is what it is. I just like going out there and doing dunks, I'm not all into the props or anything."

DeRozan doesn't need anything but the lightness in his legs and the rim in his sights.

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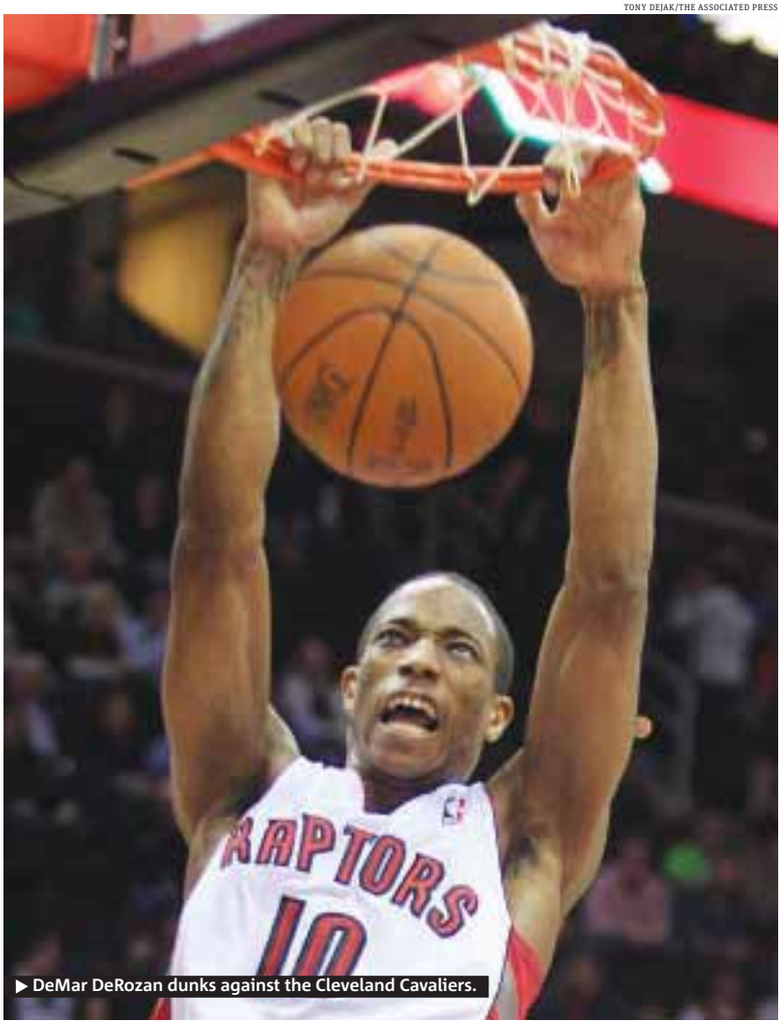

▶ DeMar DeRozan dunks against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"It's a rush. You're running and either you're catching lobs or you're dunking on somebody. It's like a rush, being able to do something that quick, that fast in the air."
DEMAR DEROZAN

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"I think my age is an advantage. Being older, being more mature. I've already been a pro."

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Santos, Cordero solidify back of Jays' bullpen

Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell has one less decision to make this season.

He knew before spring training even started how the back of the Blue Jays' bullpen would look: Sergio Santos will be his closer and Francisco Cordero the setup man.

The starting rotation? He's far less certain about that.

Coming into camp, Farrell envisions a starting rotation of Ricky Romero, Brandon Morrow, Brett Cecil, Henderson Alvarez and Dustin McGowan. But he said, "that doesn't mean that starters Kyle Drabek, Aaron Laffey, guys that are in camp here, (don't) have an opportunity to maker this club."

Farrell added: "We're also looking forward to the exposure that (minor league prospects Drew) Hutchison, (Chad) Jenkins, (Deck) McGuire are going to get to make an impression."

The Blue Jays acquired Santos in a trade with the White Sox after he saved 30 games in his first season as closer for Chicago and second in the big leagues over all. Cordero had 37 saves for Cincinnati in 2011 but he signed a one-year, $4.5 million free agent contract to pitch the eighth inning for the Blue Jays.

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▶ Sergio Santos

"When you look at the acquisition of Sergio, he gives us that one guy to really go back to that's a little more clear cut today going into 2012," Farrell said Wednesday after half the Blue Jays' pitchers went through their first workout. The other half will do it Thursday.

"Nothing against the group that was here a year ago, but it's just a more defined closer to let everyone slot in prior to getting to him," Farrell said about Frank Francisco, who had 17 of Toronto's 33 saves, and Jon Rauch (11).

The setup man doesn't have the cachet that goes with being a closer. But Farrell said baseball people who have worked with Cordero call him "a complete team player. And the fact that he's been a very good closer in his career (327 saves, 3.17 ERA over 13 seasons), he knew the situation he was coming into.

"He's accepting of that eighth-inning role and I think that speaks more about him as a person," Farrell said" You can look at the numbers and clearly see the success he's had late in the game."

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Making his case in the crease

Young Swede climbing Leafs goaltending ranks 'We knew we had a good prospect in our hands,' Allaire says

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▶ Mark Owuya is 8-5-1 with a 2.15 goals-against average and a save percentage of .924 with the Toronto Marlies.

While the Maple Leafs mull over their big-league goaltending options, Mark Owuya is doing his bit to be noticed in the minors.

Leafs goaltending guru Francois Allaire already likes what he sees in the young Swede.

"Mark is making great progress for us," said Allaire. "At training camp everything was brand new. I think he was surprised by the speed of the game here. But Mark is a really smart goalie. Right when he went to Reading (of the East Coast Hockey League) he started off very well. He's playing his positioning really well, he's stopping a lot of shots and we are very happy."

The 22-year-old from Stockholm signed a two-year entry-level contract with the Leafs in April 2011, arriving with good credentials after his stint in the Swedish Elite League.

"Mark was the best goalie in Sweden last year for a full season," said Allaire. "His save percentage and goals against average were better than any other goalie over there."

The six-foot-two, 200-pounder started this season with the Reading Royals of the ECHL, going 7-1-3 in 12 games with a 2.78 goals-against-average and a .929 save percentage.

Owuya is currently on his second stint with the AHL's Toronto Marlies. Sharing time with Ben Scrivens, he is 8-5-1 with a 2.15 goals-against-average and .924 save percentage in 15 appearances.

Away from the rink, Owuya uses his spare time to escape into the world of arts — he appeared on Sweden's version of "American Idol" when he was just 16.

But when it comes to hockey, he is all business and proves it at practice — often staying out by himself for an additional 45 minutes fine-tuning his skills.

"To me it's my duty to be my best," he said after taking extra time to work on controlling the puck behind the net. "I want to get as good as I can."

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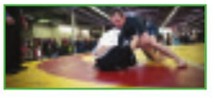

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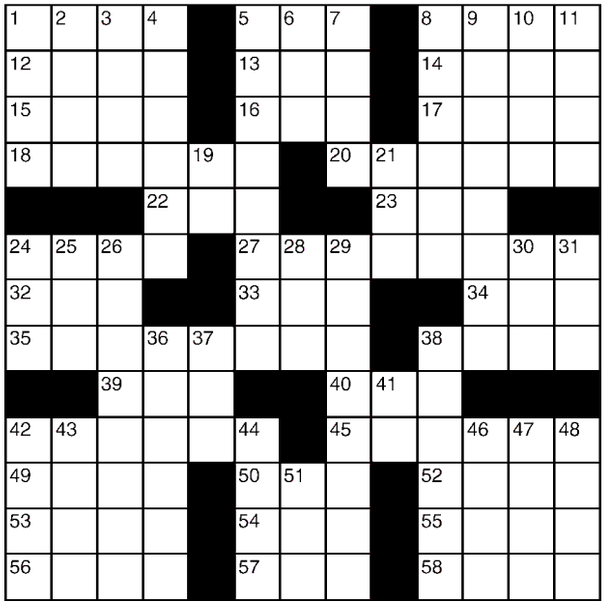

Across

1 Beige
5 Owns
8 Excellent, in slang
12 "You've got —"
13 Individual
14 Wealth source
15 "— She Lovely"
16 Periodical, for short
17 Congregation's cry
18 Government in power
20 Stress
22 Wrestling surface
23 Towel designation
24 Vocal comeback
27 Snake-related
32 To and —
33 Personal question?
34 Ernesto Guevara
35 Middle-ear membrane
38 Old card game
39 Shade source
40 Ram's mate
42 Of Hebrew descent
45 Lighthouse light
49 Shaving cream additive
50 Tokyo's old name
52 Tardy
53 Catherine, Henry VIII's sixth wife
54 Moreover
55 Grand story
56 BPOE members
57 Deposit
58 Dilbert's workplace

Down

1 Eastern potentate
2 24 bottles
3 Peal
4 In the preceding month
5 Where you grew up
6 Literary collection
7 Genesis name
8 Tranquil
9 Nostalgic, in a way
10 Port of Yemen
11 Camper's shelter
19 Mother
21 Actor McBride
24 Salamander
25 Weep
26 Student's assignment
28 Dien Bien — (Vietnam city)
29 One disinclined to do the town
30 "Eureka!"
31 Trawler need
36 Needlenose tool
37 Mornings (Abbr.)
38 Unopened
41 You and I
42 Scoff
43 Israeli airline
44 Get better
46 Garb for Superman
47 Elevator name
48 Choker location
51 "CSI" evidence

▶ Yesterday's answer

F	A	N	G		A	D	S		C	O	D	A
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Sudoku

			7		5	9		3
7	4		6					8
					1			
	3	9	8				6	5
6	1				7	3	4	
			2					
3					9		5	2
5		1	4		8			

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	7	3	8	6	5	2	9	4
9	8	2	4	7	3	5	6	1
6	5	4	9	2	1	8	7	3
8	3	9	2	5	7	4	1	6
2	4	1	6	3	8	7	5	9
7	6	5	1	4	9	3	8	2
3	2	8	7	9	6	1	4	5
5	1	6	3	8	4	9	2	7
4	9	7	5	1	2	6	3	8

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You, I really thought you were the perfect one for me. Everything really clicked, or at least I thought it did. I guess I'm just prone to getting hurt way too much. No matter what girl you find now, I'll always love you a lot. Just because you never felt the same way, doesn't mean it'll change how I feel. You're really a great guy, I hope you know that. **AEROPLANE OVER THE SEA**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Both at home and at work you will be called on to shoulder heavy burdens over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
With so many cosmic influences working in your favour now there is precious little you can do that will be perceived as wrong.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The sooner you assert your authority, the sooner you will get what you want. That applies to all areas.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Your pace of life may be too hectic for some people but the Sun in sympathetic Pisces means you thrive on the pressure.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Making money comes easy to you now but the question is: can you hang on to it? Don't waste what you earn on luxury goods.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You can expect some rather amazing things to happen today, but they will be even more amazing if you make them happen yourself.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You are worrying for no reason. Channel fears into creative activities to turn negative into positive.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
The planets urge you to be more active, more assertive and more ambitious. It's a creative time.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
So many things are changing now that it may all be a bit of a blur but you're naturally flexible.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Nothing can hold you back today. Nothing can dent your self-belief. You were born to be a winner.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't worry if something of value goes out of your life. What comes in will make up for it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Make sure those who mean the most to you can see how much you care. Don't just assume they know it — come out and say it in plain language. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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